OLD SWIMMIN' HOLE VANISHING

Stream Immortalized by Riley Giving Out.

Greenfield, Ind.—The laughter of children at play drowns out "the gurgle of the water 'round the drift just below" the "old swimmin' hole" and few of the surroundings as James Whitcomb Riley knew them during his boyhood days here remain.

A Riley memorial park with a playground borders Brandywine creek at the "old swimmin' hole" which the Hoosier poet immortalized in rhyme.

A railroad bridge, an electric line trestle and the National trail, an important east-and-west motor highway, cross the creek near the "swimmin' hole." The pastoral quietude of the spot, broken only by the hoarse solo of a bullfrog or the plaintive call of a dove, as Riley knew it six decades ago, has been lost in the march of the years. Few of the heavy-foliaged trees that lined the banks

In the long, lazy days
Where the humdrum of school made so many runaways,
How pleasant was the journey down
the old dusty lane
Where the tracks of our bare feet was
all print so plain

remain. The Brandywine itself, once a sizable stream, now is sluggish and shallow and contains scarcely enough water for swimming.

Greenfield basks contentedly in the glory that came to her favorite son. The distinction of having been his birthplace and the center of many of the scenes he sketched in rhyme is one of the city's most stable commercial assets.

The severe two-story frame house on Main street where Riley was born is occupied by his widowed sister-in-law and her sister. For ten cents visitors are permitted to roam the rooms and finger the possessions of Riley which still are retained there.

Before he discovered a best for verse-making Riley was a sign painter, and several examples of his craftsmanship are preserved here.

Radio Apparatus Value Jumps 215.5 Per Cent

Washington.—The tremendous growth of America's newest industry—radio—was made manifest by statistics published by the Department of Commerce.

In 1923 the value of all radio apparatus manufactured was $170,890,272, an increase of 215.5 per cent over the 1919 production, worth $54,000,470. The number of tube-type receiving sets manufactured increased from 190,274 in 1923 to 2,180,622 last year and the number of radio tubes increased from 4,697,400 to 23,984,658, the rates of increases being 1,045.4 per cent and 410.6 per cent, respectively.

Crystal type sets fell from 223,305, valued at $989,906, in 1923 to 112,606, worth $544,079, in 1925.

English Fight Blindness With Ultra-Violet Rays

London.—Surgeons have succeeded in restoring sight to diseased eyes and by standardizing the method of treatment have opened up the way for a new attack on blindness, said A. J. M. Tarrant, secretary of Moorfields, the biggest eye hospital in the British empire. A year's experiment with a tiny mercury vapor lamp throwing out ultra-violet rays has just been successfully concluded there.

The secretary said the violet-ray treatment had been successfully used in cases of threatened total blindness, the eye trouble in these instances being due to tubercular disease.

Bones Thought Those of People of 4,000 Years Ago

London.—A woman's skull, a thigh bone of a woman about five feet one inch in height and a man's left shin bone, a man's right arm bone found under the bed of the Thames at Sudbury are believed by Sir Arthur Keith, famous anthropologist, to be those of lake dwellers who lived 4,000 years ago.

The shin bone is flattened with the "squatter's foot" showing that the man spent much time in a crouching position. Bones of oxen, horses, pigs and deer also were found. An antler found belonged to an exceptionally large and early species of red deer.

Man Soon to Flutter; Wings for Everybody

Vienna, Austria.—Wings soon will adorn the least angelic of men, says M. Lutsch, an Austrian inventor. He is credited with building an apparatus to be worn by the individual, which will enable everyone to do a certain amount of flying in comfort and safety.

The machine consists of a pair of wings, moved by a motor which, although extremely light in weight, furnishes a surprising amount of power. The first model weighed 80 pounds and lifted the inventor several yards from the ground and enabled him to move swiftly in any direction at will.

M. Lutsch declares that his invention when perfected can be turned out at low cost—something in the neighborhood of $300.

ARCH DAM STANDS AGAINST ALL TESTS

Experimental Structure in High Sierra a Success.

New York.—The "arch dam," erected in a steep canyon of the Sierras, near Fresno, Calif., to settle problems that have baffled engineers of all countries for centuries, has so far withstood every test, it is announced in New York by the Engineering Foundation, a committee of which is directing the project.

For many months the engineers have been building and testing this dam to a height of 60 feet and at a cost of $110,000, contributed by more than fifty firms of bankers, manufacturers, engineers and power companies.

It is the purpose of the engineers to test the dam to destruction in the interest of science, but the structure's stamina in resisting the onslaughts of water that has been impounded will force them to build higher. The end may not come and with it an answer to their questions, until the dam has been built up to 100 feet at an additional outlay of $20,000.

Much Work Still Ahead.

Many tests have been made, but they are still incomplete, according to the foundation's announcement, which said that months of work are still ahead. Thousands of records have been made, and are being studied, tabulated and graphed by the testing staff.

The dam, constructed of concrete, did not break at 60 feet, even when the reservoir back of it was filled so that water flowed over the top of the dam. The engineers will gradually increase the height of the dam until it finally gives way under the increasing pressure. It is planned first to extend the height of the dam ten feet, and then twenty, thirty or forty feet if necessary.

"While this is a unique example of the romantic side of engineering, it is, nevertheless, a straightforward endeavor to solve an everyday problem affecting engineers, bankers and the public," Director Alfred D. Flinn of the Engineering Foundation, 29 West Thirty-ninth street, said.

"The investigation is attacking important questions of engineering research in the application of scientific knowledge.

"A correct answer will tend to safety of lives, of millions of dollars in property and may make possible the construction of less costly dams for power development, irrigation of lands now useless, water supply of cities and towns and flood prevention.

"A less expensive type of dam than has heretofore been preferred by many engineers and governmental authorities would make possible some of the projects for water power and irrigation which are not now commercially feasible because of the handicap of expense.

"Successful financing and development of projects of this kind will add to the wealth of states, communities, and, in fact, the whole nation, as well as provide power, food and water for a larger population, and increase the basis of taxation, for the support of government.

Built to Height of Sixty Feet.

Early in April, after months of work, excavation in the granite sides and bottom of the gorge for the foundation of the dam across Stevenson creek was completed. April 19 the first concrete was placed in the wooden forms, and on June 4 the last concrete had been laid to build the dam to a height of 60 feet.

The reservoir back of the dam can be filled not only from the water of the creek, which at times almost dries up, but from one of the great water supply tunnels of the hydroelectric plants of the Southern California Edison company, which pierces the mountain just above this reservoir.

Consequently, the engineers are able to fill and empty the reservoir back of the experimental dam in a short time, just as one fills and empties a hand basin through the faucets and the waste pipe. This permits experiments to be made at will under conditions of full control very much as if this huge "specimen" were in a laboratory.

New Kite and Balloon Cameras Take Movies

San Antonio, Texas.—A "kite camera" operated by the pulling power of 100-foot centipede-type bamboo and paper kites has just been used successfully for the first time in making motion-picture long shots of troop movements at Camp Stanley, near here.

The camera, wound up with a spring, is set and released at a height of seven feet, grinding away all the time as it ascends a kite string to a height of 1,000 feet. The camera weighs seven pounds and is carried up by a butterfly contrivance with a trap, or catch of rubber bands. When it strikes the kite the catch breaks, the wings automatically fold, and the camera is carried back by its own weight to be reloaded.

A "balloon camera" also is being developed for some battle scenes. A gas bag 20 feet in circumference will have a carrying power of 80 pounds. It will hold a 60-pound camera suspended in a cradle and operated by two men, being held by handles and then released on signal to rise to a height of 100 feet, shooting down on the action for a scant 50 feet of film, grinding automatically.

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Lesson for November 21

JOSHUA RENEWING THE COVENANT

LESSON TEXT—Josh. 24:1-28.

GOLDEN TEXT—Choose you this day whom ye will serve;.... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.—Josh. 24:15.

PRIMARY TOPIC — The Israelites Make a Promise.

JUNIOR TOPIC—The Covenant at Shechem.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Taking a Stand for God.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Value of Covenants.

I. Joshua Rehearsing the History of the Nation (vv. 1-13).

This was his farewell address, the last occasion he had to meet the people with Abraham's breaking with his religion, kinsmen, relatives and friends, at the command of God, and traced their history in Egypt, their deliverance at the hands of Moses and Aaron through the wilderness journey, and showed God's providential dealing in the crossing of the Jordan at flood tide, and their marvelous blessings now in the land solely by the favor of God.

II. The People Elect the Lord as Their God (vv. 14-24).

Joshua knew that the people were liable to lapse into idolatry, therefore he reviewed before them the history of God's goodness to them, and appealed to their sober choice as to whether they were going to remain faithful to him.

1. He appealed to them for a rational consideration and judgment (v. 15).

He placed before them four candidates upon which they could vote according to their relative merits.

(1) The Lord.

(2) The gods worshiped by their ancestors in Chaldea.

(3) The Egyptian gods.

(4) The gods of the Amorites.

Having placed before them these candidates, he urged them to make a rational choice.

2. His own example in the matter (v. 15).

He followed his appeal with his own example. He told them that his mind was already made up. He associated his household with himself. He knew for whom they would serve. He declared that whatever others might do, he would be faithful to God. It was been talked over at home, therefore he voiced the united sentiment of his family.

3. The response of the people (vv. 16-18).

Joshua's earnest appeal, accompanied by his own example had its desired effect. When they calmly considered the claims of the Lord as against the other gods, they saw the overwhelming evidence in favor of the God of their fathers.

They assigned the following reasons for their choice:

(1) The Lord brought us out of Egypt (v. 17).

(2) He did great signs in our sight (v. 17).

(3) He preserved us in all the way we went (v. 17).

(4) He drove from before us all the people (v. 18).

It would have been very foolish, not to say criminal, after they had experienced all this at His hands to have turned Him down.

4. Joshua reminds them of who God is (v. 19).

Wishing them to think more seriously and deeply upon the matter, Joshua drew a somewhat dark picture of God's attributes which were most unattractive to them.

(1) He showed them that God is a Holy God.

(2) That He is a jealous God. He could not therefore tolerate a rival.

(3) That He will not forgive.

He did not mean by this that He was an unforgiving God, but that His nature was such that unless they followed Him fully, He would become the means of their destruction.

5. Joshua demands sincerity on their part (vv. 20-23).

He wished to have practical proof of their profession. He no doubt knew full well that some had idols yet in their possession.

6. The people's position (v. 24).

They cannot avoid their determination to serve God and obey His voice.

III. The People Enter into a Solemn Covenant (vv. 25-28).

This is the clinching transaction of the meeting at Shechem. They entered into a formal covenant. Joshua wrote down their agreement in a book where it would remain a permanent witness against them. As a further help, he took a large stone and set up as a witness. These would serve as barriers against their lapsing again into idolatry.

Lack of Faith

From lack of faith in Thy revelation of Thyself, from contempt of Thy promises, from readiness to think lightly of Thy holy commandments, and of that account of life which we all must render unto Thee good Lord, deliver us!

God's Jewels

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Sapleton

The farmers have been busy getting ready for the hunting season.

Mrs. O. K. Stanley, Kemper Stanley and Miss Rigg have returned to their home in Washington, after a few days' visit at the home place.

Rev. J. J. Clark preached first sermon at Trinity M. E. Church Sunday morning to a large crowd.

Misses Clark and Martin spent Saturday at Mrs. Garland Crew's.

Mrs. A. F. Drinkard and daughter, Louise, spent the week-end in Lynchburg.

The Sunbeam band of Trinity church will meet with Mrs. A. A. Bell Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs Ewal Martin spent Saturday in Lynchburg.

EVERGREEN

Miss Gladys Jennings and Mrs Bettie Cawthorn have returned from Brookneal, where they visited Mr. Edmund Cawthorn.

Miss Annie Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Nicholas, of Lynchburg, were guests of Miss Madian Lee Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Farrar and children visited friends in Lynchburg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Martin have moved to Richmond, where they will live with their children

Mr. John Farrar and Miss Elsie Marks visited the latter's parents Sunday.

Mr. J. R. Lee, who has been suffering from a broken limb as a result of a horse throwing him, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cralle, of Lynchburg, visited friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Farrar and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cawthorn, of Church Road, visited relatives here last week-end.

We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Harvey in our village. They recently moved here from Pamplin.

There will be a play entitled "A Fortunate Calamity" given at Evergreen school Saturday, Nov. 20th at 7:30 p m. Don't fail to see 'Little Theomistocles', Uncle Rastus and aunt Dinah will furnish much merriment for the evening. Admission 15 and 22 cents.

Miss Birdie Herron, of Lamascus, Va., who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. S. Dinkins, for the past three weeks has returned to her home. Mrs. J. W. Davis and family were also guests in this home for the week-end.

Mrs. J. S. Dinkins received a telegram that her brother, T. W. Anderson, of Watauga, Va., was accidentally killed at Abington, Va. Wednesday. The message was not delivered to her in time for her to get there for the burial.

W T Snoddy

This popular young man died suddenly at his home near Buckingham C. H. on last Thursday. Thornhill, as he was known, had been sheriff of his county and was at the time of his death manager of the old warehouse at Dillwyn. He was active and apparently in the best of health. He was about 50 years of age. He is survived by his wife and eight children, who have the sympathy of all who know them.

William Piele

The oldest inhabitants of Buckingham remember him as a careful civil engineer and many of the records of the county contain plats made by him. He died at his home near Buckingham C. H., on the 5th, in the 84th year of his age. His remains were interred at his late home with Masonic honors.

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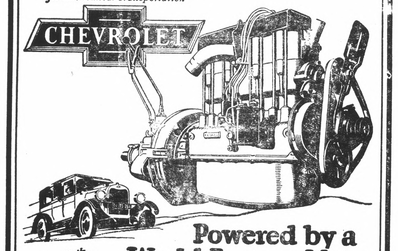

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